Bridgwater Port Sanitary Authority.

ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1915.

I have the honour to submit my Report on the work of the Bridgwater Port Sanitary Authority for the year ending the 31st December, 1915.

The Health conditions of the Port continue to be satisfactory no cases of sickness have been reported and no deaths have occurred on any vessel.

There have been no arrivals from infected ports and no special warnings have been received.

I regret to say that the negotiations for obtaining land for Isolation Hospital purposes have so far no result.

Appended to this Report is one I have received from the Inspector of Nuisances, as follows :—

I have to report that during the year ending the 31st December, 1915, the usual inspection of vessels arriving within the jurisdiction of the Port Sanitary Authority has been fully maintained, and I herewith beg to submit a table shewing the number of vessels that have entered the Port, the number of visits of inspection made and the Sanitary defects found to exist and a second table indicating the nature of the defects and how they were dealt with.

I am able to report that the whole of the defects were abated previous to the vessels complained of leaving the Port.

TABLE No. 1.

Shewing number of vessels entering the Port, the number of inspections made and the number of Sanitary defects discovered.

	Ships.			Inspections.	Defects.		
	British.	Foreign.	Total.	made.	British.	Foreign.	Total.
January ...	82		82	44	3		3
February ...	85		85	37	5		5
March ...	109		109	80	3		3
April ...	93	1	94	49	2	1	3
May ...	101		101	54	3		3
June ...	96	1	97	54	4		4
July ...	101		101	46	4		4
August ...	86		86	41	4		4
September ...	86	1	87	45	3	2	5
October ...	85	1	86	38	3		3
November ...	94		94	45	4		4
December ...	75	1	76	41	3		3
Totals	1093	5	1098	574	41	3	44

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TABLE No. 2.

Particulars of the various defects and results.

Nature of Defects.	British.	Foreign.	Total.	Abated.
Forecastle. Dirty	18		18	18
,, Damp through leaky decks and other causes	5	1	6	6
,, Verminous ...	1		1	1
,, Want of Ventilation ...	1	2	3	3
,, Gear stored therein ...	4		4	4
Bilges and Bulkheads requiring cleaning owing to bad cargo ...	2		2	2
Latrines, Defective	1		1	1
,, Choked condition ...	3		3	3
Water, Bad	3		3	3
,, Dirty Tanks	3		3	3
Totals	41	3	44	44

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26th January, 1916.